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Dept. of Agriculture inspectors Mark Zotti (holding clipboard) and Kurt Nieminen checking cattle in the livestock barn at the Woodstock Fair.

## MONITORING ANIMAL HEALTH, OWNER'S COMPLIANCE AT CONNECTICUT FAIRS

*By Steve Jensen, Office of Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky*

**WOODSTOCK** - The three tiny kid goats in an open-top pen at the Woodstock Fair drew a steady stream of visitors, many who couldn't resist reaching down to pet the friendly animals as they passed by.

But because the goats bore no identification and the owner had not posted a required rabies warning, the direct contact with people drew the attention of two Department of Agriculture inspectors checking on the health of all animals being exhibited at the fair.

"If you put a rabies-warning sign up you can stay," inspector Kurt Nieminen gently told a young woman tending to the goats in the fair's agricultural exhibits building last month.

The only farm species for which there is a licensed rabies vaccine are horses, cattle and sheep. Rabies vaccines are not licensed for use in goats, pigs and llamas.

State regulations require those animals that are able to be vaccinated to have proof of a current rabies vaccination.

Those that are not must be double-fenced to prevent direct contact with the public, or display a sign stating: "Connecticut Rabies Advisory Notice - Do Not Feed or Touch The Animals."

State and federal regulations also require livestock to have USDA-approved identification such as a metal ear tag, or a leg band for poultry.

Most livestock also must have a health certificate issued within 30 days of their first show date by an accredited veterinarian.

Goats' health certificates must certify that the animals are in good health and not showing signs of infectious, contagious and/or communicable diseases such as Tuberculosis and Brucellosis, and are not from Scrapie-exposed herds.

Nieminen and inspector Mark Zotti had a similar conversation with a woman who was showing a large sow that was feeding her six piglets.

Because there is no rabies vaccine for swine, it was especially important that a warning be posted near the pig's pen. "Just a handwritten sign will be fine," Zotti told the woman. "Okay," she replied. "Just tell me what to say."

The two violations of state animal regulations resulted only in warnings to the keepers of the animals.

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**PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY**

Avg. Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:	LOW	HIGH
breakers 75-80% lean	82.00	90.00
boners 80-85% lean	83.50	92.50
lean 88-90% lean	80.00	87.50
<b>SLAUGHTER STEERS</b>		
HiCh/Prm 3-4	125.00	130.00
Ch2-3	120.00	126.00
Sel1-3	115.00	120.00
<b>SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS</b>		
HiCh/Prm 3-4	115.00	117.50
Ch2-3	110.00	114.00
Sel1-2	102.00	109.00
<b>SLAUGHTER HEIFERS</b>		
HiCh/Prm	n/a	n/a
Ch2-3	120.00	124.00
Sel2-3	110.00	116.00
<b>CALVES</b> graded bull		
No 1 110-125 lbs	225.00	275.00
No 1 80-105 lbs	260.00	300.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA**

<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS:</b> Non-Traditional Markets:		
Ch/Prime 2-3		
50-60 lbs	242.00	260.00
60-70 lbs	210.00	234.00
80-110 lbs	180.00	192.00
110-130 lbs	170.00	180.00
130-150 lbs	152.00	160.00
<b>SLAUGHTER EWES:</b> Good 2-3		
90-100 lbs	100.00	110.00
160-200 lbs	80.00	84.00
<b>BUCKS</b>		
120-160 lbs	76.00	160.00
<b>SLAUGHTER KIDS:</b> Select 1, by head, est.		
No test.		
<b>SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES:</b> Sel1, by head, est.		
130-180 lbs	225.00	275.00
<b>SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES:</b> Select 1		
150-250 lbs	270.00	300.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION**

All prices per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	49.00	57.00
	300-400 lbs	48.00	54.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	46.00	52.00
	300-350 lbs	42.00	45.50
Sows 1-3	300-500 lbs	38.00	47.00
	500-850 lbs	44.00	48.00
Boars	400-850 lbs	5.00	7.00

**VT WEEKLY FARMERS MKT REPORT**

Sunday, September 27, 2015

Retail-per unit

APPLES -LB	.75	3.00
BEETS-BUNCH	1.50	3.00
BROCCOLI-LB	2.00	5.00
CABBAGE-HEAD	1.00	3.00
CARROTS-BUNCH	1.50	2.50
CORN-DOZEN	3.00	6.00
CUKES- EACH	.25	1.00
EGGPLANT-LB	1.50	5.00
GARLIC-LB	8.00	16.00
GREEN BEANS-LB	1.98	4.00
ONIONS-LB	1.50	2.50
POTATOES, NEW-LB	1.00	2.00
POTATOES, WHITE-LB	2.00	2.00
TOMATOES, CHERRY-LB	2.50	5.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices

**NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	LOW	HIGH
APPLES, CORTLAND, NG, BU	22.00	22.00
APPLES, EMPIRE, XFCY, BU	20.00	24.00
APPLES, GALA, FNCY, NG, BU	18.00	18.00
APPLES, GALA, XFCY, BU	25.00	28.00
APPLES, GINGRGLD, FCY, BU	20.00	22.00
APPLES, HONYCRSP, XFCY, BU	40.00	45.00
APPLES, MACINTOSH, FNCY, BU	15.00	18.00
APPLES, MACOUN, XFCY, BU	32.00	35.00
APPLES, MACOUN, FCY, BU	28.00	28.00
APPLES, MUTSU, NG, BU	20.00	22.00
APPLES, SPENSER, BU, NG	22.00	22.00
BEANS, CRANBRY, BU	45.00	45.00
BEANS, GREEN, HND PKD, BU	18.00	20.00
BEANS, WAX, HND PKD, BU	26.00	28.00
BROCCOLI, CRWN CUT, 20LBS	18.00	18.00
CABBAGE, GRN, 50LBS	12.00	15.00
CARROTS, LOOSE, 25 LBS	10.00	12.00
CARROTS, BUNCHED, 24	10.00	10.00
CIDER, APPLE, 4-1 GAL	18.00	18.00
CIDER, APPLE, 9-1/2 GALLON	20.00	22.00
CORN, 5 DOZ	14.00	18.00
CUKES, SS, 1-1/9	13.00	15.00
GOURDS, 1-1/9	20.00	32.00
GRAPES, CONCORD, 8-1QT	25.00	25.00
KALE, 12 COUNT	15.00	17.00
LETTUCE, BOSTON, 24	15.00	16.00
LETTUCE, HYDROPONIC, 12 CT	15.00	15.00
LETTUCE, RED LF, 24	15.50	16.50
PARSNIPS, 20 LBS	22.00	24.00
PEACHES, 2-1/2" MIN, 1/2 BU	24.00	24.00
PEARS, BOSC, 4/5 BU	24.00	28.00
PEPPERS, BELL, GRN, 1-1/9	15.00	15.00
PEPPERS, CHEESE, 1-1/9	25.00	25.00
PEPPERS, CHRRYHOT, 1/2 BU	10.00	10.00
PEPPERS, FRYERS, 1/2 BU	10.00	10.00
PEPPERS, LONG HOTS, 1-1/9	15.00	15.00
PEPPERS, RED, 1-1/9	30.00	30.00
PEPPERS, SUNTAN, 1-1/9	10.00	12.00
PUMPKIN, BIG MACK, 24" BIN	285.00	285.00
PUMPKINS, FACE, PER LB	.20	.20
PUMPKINS, HOWDN, SM, 1/2 BU	18.00	20.00
PUMPKINS, PIE, 1-1/9	14.00	16.00
RADISHES, 12 BUNCHES	10.00	10.00
SQUASH, ACORN/BTTNT, 1-1/9	15.00	15.00
SQUASH, GOLDZUCH, 1/2 BU	10.00	15.00
SQUASH, GRN, YEL, 1/2 BU	10.00	15.00
SQUASH, GREY, SM, 1/2 BU	26.00	30.00
SQUASH, HUBBARD, 3 COUNT	10.00	10.00
SQUASH, PATTYPAN, 1/2 BU	10.00	12.00
SQUASH, SPAGHETTI, 1-1/9	17.00	20.00
SQUASH, SWEETDMPLNG, 1-1/9	20.00	20.00
SQUASH, TURBAN, 1-1/9	20.00	20.00
SWISS CHARD, 12 COUNT	12.00	14.00
TOMATOES, GRAPE, 12-1PT	20.00	20.00
TOMATOES, YELLOW, 12-1PT	25.00	25.00
TOMATOES, PLUMS, 20 LBS	15.00	15.00
WATERMELON, 6 COUNT	15.00	15.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT, October 5, 2015

Bob Calves:	LOW	HIGH
45-60 lbs.	47.50	50.00
61-75 lbs.	83.00	130.00
76-90 lbs.	167.50	170.00
91-105 lbs.	172.50	175.00
106 lbs. & up	171.50	182.50
Farm Calves	185.00	190.00
Starter Calves	45.00	55.00
Veal Calves	100.00	195.00
Open Heifers	120.00	170.00
Beef Heifers	91.00	112.00
Feeder Steers	130.00	160.00
Beef Steers	107.00	128.00
Stock Bulls	170.00	180.00
Beef Bulls	115.00	120.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs	n/a	n/a
Sheep	75.00	90.00
Lambs	90.00	180.00
Goats each	75.00	340.00
Kid Goats	25.00	155.50
Canners	up to	81.50
Cutters	82.00	84.00
Utility Grade Cows	85.00	87.00
Rabbits each	6.00	12.00
Chickens each	3.00	20.00
Ducks each	12.00	25.00

**Auction open Columbus Day  
October 12****NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA**Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white  
in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.87	2.07
LARGE	1.81	1.95
MEDIUM	1.57	1.70

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**Per doz. Grade A brown in  
carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	2.64	2.75
LARGE	2.53	2.64
MEDIUM	1.87	1.97
SMALL	1.03	1.13

**NE WHOLESALE-ORNAMENTALS**

Mums, 6", ea	2.10	2.10
Mums, 9", ea	3.20	3.20
Mums, 12" ea	10.00	10.00
Mum, 12" Hanger, ea	10.00	10.00
Straw, Std Bale, ea	7.50	7.50
Straw, Mini Bale, ea	5.00	5.00

**BISON MEAT— GRASS-FED RETAIL  
USDA MONTHLY REPORT**

September 10- Price per pound/\$

Ribeye Steaks	16.49	31.98
Filet Mignon	22.00	55.00
Flat Iron	13.59	16.00
Chuck Roast	12.47	13.00
Ground Bison (bulk lean)	8.83	12.25
Liver	6.50	9.95



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**MONITORING ANIMAL HEALTH AT CT FAIRS****(Continued from Page 1)**

"We're more concerned with animal health and making owners aware of the rules than we are with handing out violations," Zotti said. "A big part of what we do at these fairs is education."

Failing to keep health certificates and other documents with the animal is perhaps the most common problem the inspectors encounter.

"The paperwork really should stay in the show box with the animal," Nieminen said.

Going from stall-to-stall in the Woodstock livestock barn, the inspectors found several more cases of missing or incomplete health documents.

"Can I see your paperwork, please?" Zotti asked a man wearing a John Deere T-shirt who was preparing to exhibit some cattle.

"It's in the truck," the man replied. "Might take a while to get it."

While the man retrieved the documents, the inspectors spoke to a young woman from Massachusetts who had a certificate of health for her cows, but the document contained no required specifics of what vaccines had been administered.

Zotti suggested she call the veterinarian and have the information sent by e-mail to her cell phone.

"We just need to know what vaccines were given, when they were given and when they expire," Zotti explained to her. "We need to see proof of vaccine for rabies, TB and brucellosis."

Nieminen said most exhibitors are happy to produce the paperwork.

"It can cost several hundred dollars to have everything up-to-date so it's not fair if one person has done what they're supposed to do and other people haven't," he said.

In the poultry and rabbit house, Zotti and Nieminen checked to make sure all the animals had proper food and water, as well as identification.

Meeting with the fair's Poultry Supervisor, Julia Boyce, the inspectors leafed through her thick folder of health certificates and exhibition permits that must accompany each animal.

Boyce said she had informed all potential exhibitors that they would need to be in full compliance with state regulations before being allowed to show their animals.

"We only had one that was iffy," Boyce told the inspectors. "She said she couldn't find her paperwork so she dropped out."

All poultry being exhibited must be identified and test negative for Salmonella pullorum within 12 months of the show date. Poultry must also be certified as having originated from flocks free of avian influenza, or be tested for the virus within 30 days of entry at the fair.

All cages, crates and vehicles used for housing and transporting poultry must be cleaned and disinfected before and after each show.

Doves, pigeons and waterfowl are exempt from testing requirements, but must be identified by leg bands or wing tags.

Dr. Bruce Sherman, a veterinarian and Director of the agriculture department's Bureau of Regulation and Inspection, said the agency's enforcement efforts are designed to increase compliance with regulations through education, rather than issuing violations.

"Our goal is to make sure livestock and poultry being exhibited are treated well and have received proper veterinary care to help prevent any potential incident of disease being spread," Sherman said. "And in the great majority of cases, that's also exactly what the owners want for their animals."





Clockwise from above left: Dept. of Agriculture inspector Kurt Nieminen at a Woodstock Fair pen holding kid goats that had no required identification or health certificates; a sign posted by fair officials; a sow and her piglets in a pen that lacked a rabies warning sign; a pen of alpacas and llamas with the proper rabies warning.



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